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1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED GOTG CONCURRENCE FOR TWO FY-77 CIP CANDIDATES, WHICH IT PLEASED TO NOMINATE AS FOLLOWS:

A) PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES, OMAR B. M. F. SECKA AND ARFANG KANUTEH.

B) ALTERNATE CANDIDATES, SENI M. K. SINGATEH, AND LAMIN SAM JAITEH.

2. PROF. ALTHEA TRUITT TOOK WITH HER COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS FOR ALL FOUR CANDIDATES, AS RESULT HER VISIT THIS POST IN EARLY NOVEMBER. FOLLOWING IS ABBREVIATED BIAS FOR TWO PRINCIPALS AND MR. SINGATEH. CU/AF WILL RECALL JAITEH WAS NOMINATED FOR FY-76 CIP, THEREFORE HIS BIO ALREADY IN CU/AF FILES.

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3. SECKA BORN DEC. 4, 1933 IN BANJUL. HE IS MARRIED, WITH CHILDREN, AND PRESENTLY HEAD TEACHER (RPINCIPAL) OF BUSTLNG RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOL IN ESSAU, NBD, WITH ENROLLMENT OF SEVERAL HUNDRED. MUSLIM, SECKA EATS NO PORK AND ABSTAINS FROM ALCOHOL. EDUCATED AT STA. AUGUSTINE'S HS, BANJUL, SECKA RECEIVED CERTIFICATE FROM YUNDUM TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE IN 1954, AND

ALSO TOOK ONE YEAR TEACHING COURSE AT NEW CASTLE UNIVERSITY, UK, 1966-67. HE HAS BEEN WITH DEPT. OF EDUCATION SINCE 1952. SECKA SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, AND SEVERAL LOCAL LANGUAGES. A WORKER WITH YOUNG PEOPLE ON VOLUNTARY BASIS FOR OVER 20 YEARS, SECKA IS ESPECIALLY ACTIVE IN PROMOTING RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOOL GARDENS. HE COMES WITH HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION THIS EMBASSY (WHICH HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH HIM FOR SEVERAL YEARS), AND ALSO HAS FULL SUPPORT DEPT. YOUTH, SPORTS, AND CULTURE.

4. KANUTEH BORN FEB. 2, 1951 IN BASSE, URD. MARRIED, KANUTEH IS EMPLOYED BY GAMBIAN RED CROSS. ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 472, BANJUL. MUSLIM, KANUTEH TAKES NEITHER PORT NOR ALCOHOL. KANUTEH FINISHED SECONDARY EDUCATION IN 1969, PASSED GCE AT "O" LEVEL AND RECEIVED TEACHING CERTIFICATION FROM YUNDUM TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE IN 1972. FROM 1972-75 KANUTEH TAUGHT PRIMARY SCHOOL, AND THEN WAS HIRED AS FIELD OFFICER FOR RED CROSS IN JUNE 1975. HE HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIELD ACTIVITIES IN RURAL AREA, AND TRAINING PLUS SUPERVISION FIELD WORKERS. KANUTEH SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND SEVERAL GAMBIAN LANGUAGES. HE ENJOYS SWIMMING AND TENNIS. KANUTEH COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY RED CROSS, AND ALSO HAS EMBASSY'S FULL SUPPORT.

5. SINGATEH, BORN SEPT. 4, 1939 IN FODAY KUNDA, URD. GRADUATE ARMITAGE HE AND YUNDUM (1960). SINGATEH ALSO TOOK SPECIAL COURSE IN NIGERIA (1963) RELATED TO WELFARE OF THE BLIND. PRIMARY TEACHER FOR 10 YEARS, SINGATEH BECAME SOCIAL WELFARE ASSISTANT IN DEPT. SOCIAL WELFARE IN 1973. WYGANT

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